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Motor Vehicles Act

Control of motor traffic in the Madras City.

* 874 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the actual steps are that have been taken this year for the control of motor traffic in the City of Madras;

(b) how far these have proved effective in reducing accidents; and

(c) whether the measures adopted in the Madras City have been extended or are proposed to be extended to the mufassal also?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to Notification No. 824, dated 30th October 1928, published at pages 1729-30 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th November 1928.

(b) As the orders contained in the notification referred to in answer to clause (a) above have been issued only recently, it is too premature to say anything definite at present.

(c) Amendment I of the amendments contained in the notification referred to in answer to clause (a) above is applicable to the mufassal also.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN:—"May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Home Member whether all these rules that were drafted by the Commissioner of Police have been accepted by the Government, and if so, whether any effect was given to these rules even before the Government accepted them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The rules were examined by Government, and whatever orders the Government thought fit to pass were passed."

Police

Alleged irregular conduct of the Police officers in the Kistna district.

* 875 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 1786 answered on 23rd March 1928 regarding a petition from one Somayya about the alleged irregular conduct of the Deputy Superintendent of Police and other officers in the Kistna district, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any enquiry was made on the charges framed against the officers concerned, and with what result;

(b) whether the enquiry was made in the presence of the parties concerned;

(c) if not, when it is to be held;

(d) whether any, and, if so, what charges were framed against the Deputy Superintendent of Police concerned, and by whom the enquiry was made as to the charges;

(e) whether an explanation was taken from him and, if so, what it was;

(f) whether the same Deputy Superintendent of Police was ordered to make enquiry as to the charges against one B. V. Devar in which he was also implicated, and, if so, under what circumstances and why the statutory rules were not observed;

(g) whether the officers concerned were holding office in the district pending the enquiry and, if not, why;

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(h) whether any proceedings have been started under the directions of the High Court of Madras against the officers concerned in the Guntur counterfeit case and, if so, with what result; and

(i) whether it is a fact that the abovementioned Somayya is harassed and prosecuted by the police authorities, especially by the Sub-Inspector of Jaggayapet under the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police?

A.—(a) Yes. One Inspector was dismissed, another censured and a third warned. One head constable was also warned. The Deputy Superintendent of Police's case is still under consideration.

(b) & (c) The enquiry was made in the presence of the parties.

(d) & (e) The Government cannot answer these at present as the case against the Deputy Superintendent of Police is still under consideration.

(f) Yes. Sub-Inspector Devar was charged with substituting a search list for the original in a house breaking case. The Deputy Superintendent of Police was not implicated in the matter.

(g) Sub-Inspector B. V. Devar was under suspension during the enquiry.

(h) No such proceedings have been started under the directions of the High Court.

(i) No.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether the Deputy Superintendent of Police continues to be in office in the area where Somayya is living?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " Notice, Sir."

Training to sub-inspectors of police in regard to the investigation of crime.

* 876 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are considering the question of giving better training to the police sub-inspectors in regard to the investigation and detection of crime; and

(b) if so, what steps they propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) No proposal affecting the training of sub-inspectors is at present under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the work of police sub-inspectors has been found generally unsatisfactory in regard to investigation and detection of crime?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" No, Sir."